

School District Redistricting Commission

REVISED

Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Place: House Hearing Room 3

Purpose: A public forum to inform voters about school district unification

In 2005, a law was passed by the Arizona Legislature to appoint the School District Redistricting Commission to study Arizona's schools and make recommendations for creating unified districts out of the current set of 108 elementary school districts and 15 union districts. A unified district is one that is geographically defined and offers aligned curriculum for students Kindergarten through grade 12. In December 2007, the Commission formally presented its recommendations to Governor Napolitano.

The final report submitted to the Governor with recommendations including maps, data sheets, financial analysis, frequently asked questions, and other information can be found at <http://www.ade.az.gov/sdrc> along with research and additional information collected and posted throughout the Commission's two plus years of work.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Video Presentation

An informational video was produced with the help of Arizona State University's Decision Theater and will be shown at the forum. The video affords voters an objective view of the basic plans and answers questions regarding the impact of unification. The video is hosted on the Decision Theater's website for public use:

<http://www.decisiontheater.org/sdrc>

4. Discussion of Frequently Asked Questions

Commissioners will address frequently asked questions regarding school district redistricting. Relevant topics include but are not limited to: financial impact of unification as it relates to career ladders, teacher salaries, and tax rate implications.

5. Public Comments and Questions on SDRC Recommendations and SDRC Frequently Asked Questions

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6. Adjournment

Members: All Commissioners Invited to Attend

Martin Shultz, Chairman

Vicki Anderson

Susan Bitter-Smith

Jay Blanchard

Dr. Sandra Dowling

Doris Goodale

Art Harding

Rita Leyva

Jay Kaprosy (resigned)

Dave Naugle

Thomas Schoaf

Kent Scribner

Joseph Thomas

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